

REMARKS

Further to the Communication mailed on March 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2002. All claims were rejected.

As noted by the Examiner in the Communication, Applicants' representative made an inadvertent typographic error in the last response. This error resulted in confusion as to which claims had been cancelled and which were pending. As shown above, Claims 16-18 and 45-57 are pending in the present application. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience to the Office.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully maintain that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this Application from the Examiner. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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